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Preparing to Drill for Gas

A meeting of the shareholders of the Lacombe Brick, Tile & Cement Company was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening, the chief business of importance being the consideration of the matter of drilling for natural gas.

Mr. Martin, of Medicine Hat, probably the most experienced man in the province in matters pertaining to natural gas, in addressing the meeting gave it as his opinion that gas could be obtained here, and stated that if it was decided to drill for gas he would be glad to make a liberal investment himself in the company taking the matter in hand.

H. Ireland, of Medicine Hat, a shareholder in the Lacombe Brick, Tile & Cement Company, was also present and gave a talk on the uses and economies of natural gas as he has observed and experienced them in Medicine Hat and other gas towns in the southern portion of the province.

It was the opinion of both Mr. Martin and Mr. Ireland that if a municipal franchise is granted and gas found in the quantity that indications warrant in expecting, gas can be furnished to consumers here at a lower rate than prevails in Calgary.

While there is as yet nothing definite to report, an effort is being made to arrange for putting down a well, and the indications are that the effort will meet with sufficient encouragement to make it an accomplished fact.

Annexation the Only Solution

London, Nov. 25.—Discussing the Mexican situation The Spectator says that even if President Wilson succeeds in inducing President Huerta and his government to retire, it is impossible to believe that a reformed administration, such as the Americans earnestly desire can be established. A far more likely result of Mexico's humiliation, the paper adds would be the establishment of some sort of national party with the purpose of shaking off American domination, and war would only be postponed until Mexico was better prepared to fight.

"In one way or other, sooner or later," The Spectator continues, "the present American policy must lead, in our opinion, to armed intervention followed by annexation. There is no other way in which one state can permanently control another. If an invasion comes, all President Wilson's well-meant resolves to make clear to foreign nations that nothing will induce the United States to acquire territory as a result of the intervention will come to naught. We made just the same kind of a declaration and in just as good faith when we went to Egypt, but we never have been able to carry it out and never shall be."

"If the American troops once enter Mexico to put down opposition to their will by force they will never permanently leave Mexico. They may, and no doubt will, go out temporarily in obedience to some vagary of public sentiment, but they will soon be back again in order to prevent the fruits of good American government being thrown away."

Items of News from Here and There

Brooks, Alta., Nov. 26.—Gas has been struck in considerable quantity at Brooks second gas well, the drillers striking the main flow at 1,300 feet.

London, Nov. 26.—Women hurled hammers at the judge of the London sessions court at the Old Bailey today when he sentenced Miss Rachel Pease, a militant suffragette, to 18 months' imprisonment after she had been found guilty by the jury of setting fire to a mansion at Hampton-on-Thames, October 4 last. Four of the disturbers were arrested after a hard struggle with the police.

Taber, Alta., Nov. 26.—It has been decided that drastic action shall be taken by the town authorities to collect arrears of taxes now outstanding. A special meeting of the council was held to consider the matter of collecting taxes by distress warrants, and it is likely that some of those in arrears who possess chattels sufficient to cover their taxes due, will find some fine morning that the bailiff has been round to seize these for arrears.

The town needs the money. It owes the school board money. It owes the bank money. There are a lot of back taxes due and something must be done. Solicitor Prosser has been instructed to take the necessary procedure to issue distress warrants against every ratepayer on the tax roll whose taxes are in arrears.

Vancouver, B.C. Nov. 15.—Scenes of wild excitement took place tonight at a meeting addressed by Attorney General W. J. Bowser, before the local Conservative association. There was a large sprinkling of the United Mine Workers of America present and during the course of Mr. Bowser's speech they commenced singing the "Red Flag." Questions were hurled at the speaker and he was forced several times to take his seat. Eventually he answered his interrogator and the singing and disorder was resumed. Eventually the police were sent for and a posse of detectives and uniformed officers put in an appearance at the hall where the meeting was being held. The meeting ended amidst scenes of disorder.

At New Westminster Hon. Price Ellison, minister of finance in the provincial legislature, when addressing a meeting of Conservatives, was also howled down, it is presumed by a band of labor men who were scattered through the hall.

Local Jottings

For the choicest fruit go to the Lacombe Caudy Kitchen.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith, of Vancouver, are in town this week calling on old friends.

Where are you going for your Xmas goods? Where everybody goes, to the City Pharmacy.

Miss Dollie Dies, of Toronto, is here to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. R. M. Collie.

Three lonesome ratepayers turned up at the annual town meeting Monday night. 'Twas not always thus.

The invitations are out. We extend a hearty invitation to all to come in and let us show you our Xmas goods.—City Pharmacy.

W. T. Sherman, of Canyon, has purchased the Athletic Pool Room and Cigar Store from Frank McLearn, taking possession this week.

Missionary anniversary services will be held in the Methodist church on December 7. The Rev. E. S. Bishop, of Calgary, will occupy the pulpit.

The annual meeting of the Central Alberta Exhibition Association will be held in the town hall on Wednesday, December 3, at 2:30 o'clock. Officers for the coming year are to be elected at this meeting.

There will be an auction sale of fifty of the best lots in the original townsite of Bentley on Tuesday, December 9, in McPherson's hall, Bentley. With the Lacombe and Blindman Valley Railway assured, Bentley is evidently on the eve of rapid development, and now would seem to be the best time to make an investment in these lots, before the big rise sets in. Full particulars next week.

The Lacombe Assembly Club's opening ball on the evening of the 28th was a very gratifying success. About a hundred and fifty were present, including guests from Toronto, Vancouver, Medicine Hat and other points, and all spent a most enjoyable evening. There is every assurance that the following assemblies of the Club will have a large attendance. Lynch's Orchestra furnished the music in their usual satisfactory manner. The ladies assisted with the lunch, which filled the bill right to the dot. It is evident that Lacombe people have a most enjoyable social season ahead of them.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 26.—Clifford Huggitt, 28 years of age, is in a local hospital thawing out after spending five days in a refrigerator car loaded at North Yakima early this week. He entered the car in hope of beating his way to San Francisco, and did not realize that it was a refrigerator until after he was locked in, and only after five days did he succeed in attracting the attention of railroad men in the yards at Vancouver, Wash., where he was released and brought to Portland last night for treatment.

Town Council Meets

The annual town meeting on Monday evening was not largely attended. If our count was correct there were three ratepayers present, in addition to a majority of the members of the council. As there were a number of important matters calling for attention, the meeting took the form of an ordinary council meeting.

There has been some friction between the management of the skating rink and the officers of the fire brigade over the using of the fire hose to flood the rink. The lessees were present at the council meeting to state their case, and the fire brigade was represented by its chief, assistant, and other officers.

It appears that the council has leased the municipally owned rink with water furnished. A well was put down at the rink but it is claimed that it does not furnish sufficient water for the purpose, and in the emergency the mayor gave the lessees permission to use the fire hose to convey water from the town tank. This appears to have been done without consulting the chief, hence the friction.

Moreover on an occasion still fresh in the minds of many the brigade was severely censured by many citizens because when a fire broke out one day last winter the hose was absolutely useless through being used for the purpose in controversy.

After a somewhat heated discussion the matter was referred to the fire brigade, which we understand has since upheld the contention of Chief Taylor and other officers of the brigade that the hose should not be used for other than its intended purpose without consulting the chief.

The town is in more or less trouble over the nuisance ground, and this matter came up for consideration. It appears that notwithstanding the warning notices conspicuously posted in the roadway just west of town by the local improvement district councilors, people continue to dump garbage in the roadway. One man was caught in the act of dumping a load there and was ordered to remove it. He did so, taking it to the town nuisance ground. But before reloading the stuff had apparently caught fire and immediately started a fire in its new resting place. This has compelled the council to put men on the job of fighting a vexatious fire at the nuisance ground, which, however is not the greatest of their troubles in this connection. After extended discussion of the problem it was decided to investigate incinerators, with a view to erecting one if found feasible.

Mayor Halpin, after two years in the chair, banded in his resignation, stating that he desired to be relieved for the reason that he did not feel that he could spare the time to look after the numerous duties attached to the office, for the remainder year of his term. The council accepted the resignation in compliance with his expressed wishes.

The annual auditor's report was read, showing that the town has

assets to offset its liabilities, and a surplus to balance, at the valuation placed upon real estate and other property owned by the town. Among the town's assets are \$14,999.45 unpaid current taxes, and \$6,123.32 unpaid arrears of taxes.

Organize Farmer's Mutual

A mutual fire insurance company, to be known as the Lacombe Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, is being started here, to do a straight farmers' insurance business. It is the first company of its kind to be organized in the province. A provincial charter has already been granted, and provisional directors chosen as follows: John Mole, G. C. Godfrey, H. W. Metcalf, John Southward, Capt. Evans, Chas. Staack, and B. S. Burke. The directors will hold their first meeting on Saturday, December 6, at one o'clock, and the first general meeting will be held on December 30.

The company will be under government supervision, and will be patterned after the Portage la Prairie Farmers' Mutual, which has been in successful operation for the past twenty-nine years. S. C. Hartley, who has been chosen manager, goes to Portage la Prairie next week to get first hand information of the company there.

The company will have no stock holders except the policy holders, and it is stated that farm risks can be carried at very low rate.

The plan is not an experiment, as there are now in operation ninety-three such companies in Ontario, two in Manitoba, and one in British Columbia.

Camrose to Have a Paid Fire Brigade

Camrose, Alta., Nov. 25.—In response to the call for better fire protection, Mayor Layton and several leading citizens have taken the matter into their own hands and decided that as a volunteer fire brigade seemed to be out of the question a force of paid fire fighters must be organized. Posters have been put in circulation calling for applications for fire chief at a salary of \$25 per month, assistant chief at \$15 per month and six reel men at \$10 per month. To these will be added a dozen men or so who will turn out at \$1 in case of fire and at 50c for practice. The fire brigade when fully organized will be expected to practice at least once a week during the winter and see that the equipment and the hydrants are in order.

Mayor Layton said that the town could no longer afford to tolerate an indifferent fire brigade. The winter was at hand and protection was all the more necessary as the danger of fire was greater. If the proposed scale of salaries does not have the desired effect the mayor would favor advertising elsewhere for competent men and paying more money.

Heavy Loss by Farm Fire

A disastrous fire broke out in the early hours of Tuesday morning at the farm of A. Gehrke, six miles west of Red Deer, involving the loss of sixteen head of horses and twenty-one head of cows, ten tons of timothy hay, wagon, several sets of harness, dairy utensils, etc. How the fire started is a mystery. Mr. Gehrke and two sons were all in the stable until 9:30 Monday night, and at that time everything appeared to be all right. Mr. Gehrke then went into the house and went to bed, but the boys went over to the Industrial School and returned home at 12 o'clock, passing the stable, and at that time there was no indication of anything being wrong, and no light or smoke to be seen. At 1:15 Tuesday morning, Mr. Gehrke awoke and found the stable all ablaze. He roused his family and went to the stable, and upon examination the whole of the stock were found to have suffocated to death. The building was a new one, 60x40, the lumber alone having cost about \$1,500, and the lot was pretty well full of hay, and it is believed the fire must have started in the loft and burnt down because of the animals being suffocated, and the floor and corner posts of the barn not being touched with the fire. Four head of the cattle killed had only just been brought from the east by Mr. Gehrke. The most unfortunate part of it is that there is absolutely no insurance upon the building or stock.

Abduction Case at Red Deer

Tuesday morning, Ross Piper, a young man aged about twenty three, was arrested by Chief Anderson on a warrant sworn out by Geo. England, brother of May England, his sister, a slim, delicate shy, little girl of sixteen, for abduction. A week ago last Friday the couple disappeared from the city, and the Mounted Police failed to locate them. It transpires they went west. Saturday, Miss England returned in the evening in great tribulation, claiming she had been kidnapped in North Red Deer and held in a tent by a masked man against her wishes and had been assaulted. She could not tell who the man was. On being interviewed by Chief Anderson, she admitted that this story was false, and she had been told by Piper to tell it. Piper brought her into Sylvan Lake on Saturday and she came to the city by stage. She admitted living with the prisoner while away. Monday night Piper returned to Red Deer and he was placed under arrest yesterday morning, as stated above.

Ross Piper is married to a well known young lady not yet out of her teens, daughter of our respected citizen, E. R. Hill, and has one child. He was raised by Alderman and Mrs. Piper, but is no relative of the family. His case comes up for a hearing, we understand, tomorrow.—Red Deer News.

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A Needle in a Haystack
 A bottle of hay was formerly much used in Derbyshire, England, and probably is so still, to denote a bundle of hay, which was taken from a rick to fodder cattle in a field. When it was difficult to find anything that had been lost, the farmer folk were wont to say: You may as well hunt for it as for a needle in a bottle of hay. Some time the rope tied round the hay had a piece of wood with an eye in it at the end, through which the rope was passed to tie up the bundle and a sharp point at the other end, and this piece of wood may have been called a needle. If so a needle of this kind may have been referred to in the proverbial saying:

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When Tied Together
 An Irish couple, whose married bliss was not without a few squalls, received a homely lecture from their spiritual adviser regarding their disagreeable quarrels.
 His Reverence—That dog and cat you have agree better than we.
 The reply somewhat upset him.
 If yer reverence told them together they'd soon change yer mind.

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Dressed in Part
 The juvenile of Puddelfurrow had opened their cricket season. The day was fine, and the players were in good form, in fact everything was in season, even the disgust of the sharp featured lady whose garden adjoined the pitch.
 Puny thing your boy Jimmy can't play a game without having such big ideas, she remarked over the fence to the lady next door. What's he always want to stand up for?
 Play you can't get something better to do than to find fault, came the reply. Her got a right to stand up like if he likes.
 Darcy he has snatched the sharp featured lady; but next time he sneaks my old man's plaything off the line to dress himself up in he'll get something that'll make him want to give other fellows a chance.

Bread and cheese and kisses—
 They go together, hey?
 I have met with mison.
 Who didn't think that way.

Not Like Patients
 A Scotch doctor, new to the gun, advertised upon a day's rabbit shoot.
 Claimed by the ferrets, bunny was a rather quick moving target, and the medico was not meeting with the success he anticipated.
 Hang it all, man! he exclaimed impatiently to the keeper who accompanied him, these beasts are too quick for me.
 Aye, doctor, the pawky keeper replied, but ye surely didn't expect them to lie still like yer patients to ye, did ye?

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 Someone has well said "The forests of Canada may grow on the mountain sides, but their roots are deep in the minds of the people."
 For centuries the world has witnessed forest destruction going on in the older settled countries. The course of untamed development and the course of modern nations are alike upon those who are not for their woodlands, but who, through fire, insecticide attacks and overgrazing, turned productive areas into barrens, and smiling green mountains into sterile deserts. The oldest nations are generally speaking, worse off in this regard, but even in the heart of the Dominion, and some parts of Canada, there are hundreds of thousands of acres of land now abandoned, with heartless and miserly written on the doors of the broken-down houses, and lightning-grave, economic injustice given in the name of the barren soil. Nature, so kindly in many things, had simply rebelled against an improper use of her bounties.

The impression which prevailed 100 or 150 years ago, that forests were inexhaustible, that trees were enemies to progress, and that even if the forests suffered, the advantages could be readily found to take its place, are rapidly passing away. The forests of Canada are not inexhaustible; in fact, at the present rate of cutting, there is timber enough to last much less than half a century, unless we thoroughly protect the young growth now coming. Instead of decreasing, the quantity of wood consumed per capita in the last quarter century is as great as, or greater than, it ever was, despite the tremendous advances which have been made in the adoption of cement, steel, and other products as substitutes for wood. Evidently, there is a crying need for the forests of Canada. The people of Canada must look to their own supplies to meet the needs of their wood-consuming civilization.

But the crisis is not so much to be feared in the consumption of wood as in the destruction of the great balance of Nature. Says Clifford Pinchot, ex-Chief Forester of the United States: "The connection between forests and rivers is like that between father and son. No forests, no rivers; and some parts of America, due to the destruction of the forests, are practically alone to the destruction of the mountain slopes. Dr. B. E. Fernow has clearly stated the great issue as it stands before the people of Canada to-day:
 "When the question of the extension of suffrage to women, of tariff, taxation, of coinage and currency, and of many other matters, have been sunk into the background, the question of the economy of the resources which Canada and the United States possess is the political commercial and social question of the nation—long neglected—will still claim attention, for only those nations who develop their natural resources economically, and avoid the waste of that which they produce, can maintain their power or even the continuance of their separate existence. A nation may cease to exist, not as a result of the lack of resources as by the extinction of its patriotic spirit. While we are debating over the best method of disposing of our wealth, we gradually lose our very capital without even realizing the fact. Whether forests are turned into deserts, forests to waste places, brooks into torrents, rivers changed from means of power and intercourse into means of destruction and desolation—these are questions which concern the material existence itself of society; and since such changes become often irreversible."

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THE WIDDER'S PIG
 Mike Murphy was taken to task by his spiritual adviser for having stolen Widow Maloney's pig. The evidence against him was so direct and positive that it was worse than useless for him to deny the crime, and he listened with downcast eyes and much neediness to a well-learned lecture from the priest upon the wickedness of the theft he had committed, till the reverend gentleman asked him what he would say on the day of Judgment when he should be confronted by Mrs. Maloney and her pig, when he brightened up at a happy thought, and said:
 And ye say that the pig'll be there, and I'll be there, and we'll be living witnesses against you. What, I repeat, can you say in such a predicament?
 Yer reverence, I'll say, Widow Maloney, there's yer pig, take it.

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 To the leader of a band, locally spoken of in the local press as the worst in seven different counties, there came a man with a request that the band play at a cousin's funeral.
 Is it a military funeral asked the leader.
 Not at all, was the reply. My cousin was no military man; in fact he was never interested in military matters. Nevertheless, it was his express wish that your band should play at his funeral.
 The leader was surprised and flattered.
 But what? he asked.
 Yes, responded the other, he said he wanted everybody in the place to be sorry that he died.
 Yes, my dear fellow, every man has his faults.
 Oh indeed? And what do you think is mine?
 Oh, you just give yourself away.

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A Good Hand
 Booth Tarkington, like most literatures, writes a wretched hand. Of this he said in New York recently. Once, crossing to Naples, I sat on a chair with pad and fountain pen at work on a short story. A young Peorian stopped before me.
 By gosh, he said, I wish I could write as well as you do.
 I smiled and the Peorian counted his promenade. The next time he came on a short story.
 Gosh, what a hand! If I could only write like that!
 Again I smiled a fatherly smile, and the Peorian made another round of the deck. Then he said a third time: Oh, if I could only write a hand like yours!
 Nettled a little by this third interruption I said:
 Well, what would you do if you could?
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MACDONALD INFAMY IS ENDED

On November 11th last, Hon. Robert Rogers threw up his hands, admitted that the evidence against the methods of winning the infamous Macdonald by-election was overwhelming. The court at Winnipeg automatically deposed Alex. Morrison, the man elected by the Roblin-Rogers combination, and declared the election void by reason of corruption. Thus ended the most shameful travesty of election proceedings ever perpetrated in Canada. Unfortunately it ended in an unsatisfactory manner to the outraged people, since Hon. Mr. Rogers had taken the necessary steps to defeat the election court from exposing the crimes of the Macdonald by-election and the punishment of the criminals.

The hand of Hon. Mr. Rogers was as clearly indicated in this as it had been throughout the proceedings, since a few days before the case came up, he paid an emergency visit to Winnipeg. He evidently found that all efforts to call off the case or delay it had failed. The "Minister of Buy-Elections" saw the game was up and busied himself to prevent exposure.

The story of this conspiracy to defeat the will of the people, so far successful that for over a year the riding of Macdonald was misrepresented by a man known throughout the Dominion to have been elected by notoriously illegal methods, is worth recalling as an instance of the unscrupulous methods of Hon. Mr. Rogers and the manner in which Premier Borden neglects his erstwhile promises of purity of elections with prompt exposure and punishment of electoral wrongdoing.

On April 18th, 1912, the riding of Macdonald was opened by the partisan appointment of W. D. Staples, the sitting member, to the Dominion Grain Commission. The riding was carefully nursed by the Roblin-Rogers election combination, and on September 20th, the writs were issued. On September 25th, Alex. Morrison was chosen the government candidate. On October 5th, nominations resulted in a contest between R. L. Richardson, Independent Liberal, and Alex. Morrison, the government candidate.

Immediately a carnival of corruption and violence set in. The campaign was personally directed by Hon. Robert Rogers, and hordes of the most vicious election workers were imported. Not only were the familiar Tory arguments of money and whiskey there, but even the machinery of the law was prostituted. Liberal workers were dogged by real or bogus detectives and police. Their baggage was searched in their hotels by gumshoe men. They were threatened with arrest and many were arrested, ill-treated, starved, hidden from their friends, spirited from one part of the riding to another, and after being given "Third Degree" treatment were offered their freedom if they would perjure themselves by confessing imaginary crimes.

Four men in particular were thus treated, J. D. Walkinshaw,

R. J. A. Prince, J. J. Sullivan, and W. B. Sifton, while several Liberal members of Parliament were shadowed and insulted by detectives, and themselves threatened with arrest if they did not leave the riding. Magistrate McMicken, of Winnipeg, was named as a leader in this work. It was declared in parliament subsequently that he had issued blank warrants for the arrest of Liberal workers, and that men had actually been arrested on these "lettres-de-cachet." In one case it was stated that documents had been stolen from a Liberal worker's grip, his diary forged to make it appear that he had committed bribery, and violent efforts were made to bully him into admitting that these forgeries were genuine.

As a result of these highly Conservative methods, Mr. Morrison was elected by a large majority.

Immediately afterwards, on October 18th, proceedings were instituted against Magistrate McMicken, who was charged with conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice. Mr. McMicken has since resigned from the bench.

On November 18th the election was protested, the petition reciting serious charges against Sir Rodmond Roblin and Hon. Robert Rogers, that they had instructed peace officers, detectives and constables to conspire for the arrest and illegal imprisonment of Liberal workers, with many other election crimes. The Tory organization was untiring to prevent exposure in the courts. On December 20th "preliminary objections" were made against the petition, which were dismissed. Immediately appeal was taken in the effort to indefinitely delay trial. These appeals were carried through the courts to the Supreme Court of Canada and were successively dismissed.

Finally, after every device had been used to defeat the ends of justice, the Supreme Court on May 22nd last dismissed the Tory contentions without even the formality of hearing the Liberal side of the argument. Even then the Conservative efforts to dodge the law continued. On July 30th, so persistent was the determination of the Rogers element to keep Mr. Morrison out of court and hide incriminating documents, that Judge Cameron, of Winnipeg, made an order that unless Mr. Morrison appeared and produced the necessary papers within three days, he must be committed to jail for contempt of court. That broke up the combination. The usual preliminaries of trial were gone through with, and the case set for this month. On October 29th Hon. Robert Rogers hurriedly left Ottawa for Winnipeg. A few days later the fact became known that the Conservatives would attempt no defence in the Macdonald election trial. On November 11th, Mr. Morrison filed an affidavit that his agents had been guilty of corrupt practices. No further evidence could be taken on this admission, which was designed to prevent the exposure of the Rogers by-election methods and protect his gang from criminal proceedings. The case closed with the order of the court voiding the election. Before long Macdonald will have the opportunity of vindicating its honor.

RESULTS OF A CRIME

Had the riding of Macdonald been allowed to vote according to its proper convictions it is not improbable that Mr. R. L. Richardson, a capable and honorable citizen, would have been elected to represent this riding. That this was more than probable is shown by the extraordinarily corrupt means taken by Hon. Robert Rogers and his Tory election machine to defeat the will of the people. What have Macdonald and Canada gained by the injunction of the Rogers-Roblin gang into the fight?

For a year Macdonald has been represented by a man confessedly elected by crooked methods—so crooked that Hon. Mr. Rogers dared not let him face the courts. During one of the most important sessions of parliament since Confederation, Macdonald was improperly and corruptly represented. During that session Mr. Alex. Morrison sat in an extreme back bench to which he was not entitled and at the end he drew the full indemnity of \$2,500 to which he had no right.

During the whole session Mr. Morrison was only noticed on the opening day when he was introduced by his political sponsor, Hon. Robert Rogers, and Hon. W. J. Roche. From that day he never opened his mouth to join in debate, nor did anything in parliament or out. He simply voted blindly for the government and drew \$2,500 for the job.

This is the parliamentary record of Mr. Alex. Morrison, ex-M.P.:

Speeches, none.
Motions or amendments, none.
Voted against Sir Wilfrid Laurier's amendment to the Speech from the Throne censuring the Macdonald and Richelieu by-election corruption; against every Liberal amendment to the Borden Naval Aid Bill; for every government motion regarding the Borden Naval Aid Bill; against Mr. L. J. Gauthier's vote of censure on Hon. Mr. Coderre respecting the Hochelaga by-election personation; against Mr. Oliver's motion of censure on Hon. Mr. Rogers in connection with the Prince Albert Home-Steal scandal; paired in support of the "gag" rule; voted for the \$15,600,000 subsidy gift to Mackenzie & Mann, and against the Liberal proposals to either make this a loan or to secure some substantial return from the C.N.R. for it; against the Liberal amendment to the Highways Aid Bill, which were designed to give the Provinces their proper constitutional control of the proposed expenditures—in everything else the same consistent and silent support of the Borden government.

Macdonald has reason to be ashamed of the manner in which Mr. Morrison was elected. It has reason to feel that Mr. Morrison's conduct in parliament was on a par with the means by which he got there.

New Zealand, a couple of months ago, with its contribution of a Dreadnought to the British navy, was a loyal colony, and according to our Conservative friends, a shining example to Canada. But what about New Zealand, now that it has decided to abandon the policy of contribution and organize a purely New Zealand navy?

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FACTORY EXTENSION IN WESTERN CANADA

A Winnipeg Paper States That the
Time Has Come to River the
East in Manufacture

The Toronto Star recently quoted a Winnipeg paper on the subject of manufacturing development in the West as follows:

Winnipeg, Sept. 27.—"We have no sympathy with the view that there is inherent antagonism in the West against manufacturers as a class. Men with political purposes to serve are careful to foster such a spirit. It would not, as a fact, be a matter of politics at all. There are sound economic reasons why manufacturers who have, perhaps, not unreasonably, up to now, entered their activities almost exclusively in the West, should now begin to turn their attention with more seriousness, to the needs of the West. The West has ceased to be a great grain field only. Big cities have sprung up on the plains, the development of natural resources has been proceeding apace, our agricultural population has grown amazingly in recent years. These cities and towns of the West need manufacturers to round out their civic life. The basis of every community is visibly acknowledged to be agriculture, but no centre can achieve its true greatness if it is to remain entirely dependent upon agriculture. There was a time in the West when population was sparse, raw material not easily obtainable, and labor difficult to procure. Manufacturers were then reasonably justified in refraining from entering upon costly ventures. But that day has passed. Briefly years ago the manufacturers' Western market was increasing."

In this connection the Canadian Courier in an editorial article comments with approval on the location by Eastern Canadian firms of branch factories in the West.

"Strangely enough," says the Courier, "nearly all the manufacturing industries in Western Canada have come from Eastern Canada, not from the United States. When an American firm establishes a Canadian branch factory, it is placed in the East, seldom in the West. The American wants to be in the big centre of population. He is not looking so far ahead as the Canadian manufacturer, preferring immediate returns."

"All the flour-milling concerns in Western Canada" were founded by Eastern capitalists, while the mill in Moose Jaw is a notable exception. The same is true of the cement mills, most of which are now controlled by the Canada Cement Company. The Diamond Plant Glass Company, at Red Cliffe; the Dominion Bridge Company, at Calgary; the Goss-Woods Box Company, Alaska Bedding Company, and Sherwin-Williams Company, at Winnipeg; the Quaker Oats Mill, at Saskatoon; the Copp Stone Works and the Berlin Bedding Company, at Fort William—all these and many others may be mentioned.

"The situation is pleasant. It spells unity of feeling and unity of interests between the West and the East. It speaks a development in industry of a national character. What the three transcontinental railways and the national banks have done to unite East and West will be completed by our progressive and patriotic manufacturers."

It has suited some people to represent Eastern manufacturers as competing against those in the West, and striving to belittle the development of their Western rivals. As the foregoing articles indicate this is far from the truth. Many of the best Canadian firms will eventually dot the west with branch plants.

SELF-HELP IN THE FACTORY

Employer and Employee Co-operate in a Big Rubber Company

An employees' mutual benefit society has just been organized by one of Canada's largest rubber companies for the purpose of rendering assistance to employees in cases of sickness and death, and of supplying them with medical attendance. Men are entitled to \$4 per week for the first ten weeks they are incapacitated by sickness or accident; women and all others earning at the rate of 12 cents per hour will get \$2.50 per week for the same period. A clause provides that no benefits shall be paid in cases where sickness is the result of intoxication or immoral conduct. The sum of \$30 will be paid to assist in defraying the funeral expenses of a deceased member. The establishment of such societies as this improves the relations between employer and employee. Moreover, experts state that little difficulty will be encountered in adjusting a system of workmen's compensation to the conditions created by such societies.

THE HOME MADE NAVY

When New Zealand and the Sultan of Persia were held up to Canadians as the only really loyal in the British Empire, many of us believed that to provide ships with men in them would be quite as much of a gift to the mother country as to provide money without men or equipment. However, the defenders of the government policy, quoted from old country unionist papers to show that no other assistance was really classed as assistance to the British at all. As a matter of fact we were told that we were not big enough or brave enough or wise enough to establish a Canadian navy and were separatists for even considering it.

And when New Zealand's contribution visited the coast we were told to look upon the loyal little Dominion on the other side of the earth, which had given a Dreadnought to the mother country. Fie upon the separatist Canadians, with the disloyal seamen!

But New Zealand has become disinterested with mere contributions. It has decided upon a New Zealand navy, built, equipped and manned by New Zealand people. If it can provide a navy, what about Canada?

But the interesting thing about it is that Britain welcomes the change. The Times, even, has declared in favor of it.

WORLD'S BEEF SUPPLY

Dr. A. D. Melvin's contention that South America is to supply the world with beef instead of those countries which once held the reins and have now changed their mode of agricultural development is worth study. The United States and Canada once supplied the world and now both are at the importing stage, though these countries have merely changed their ranges to farms and are in a position to breed and feed beef with larger returns than were possible under the old regime. The cheap feeders and the cheap feed have gone, but so have cheap beef. Argentina still has big range territory and its cheap grazing and will therefore grow the beef for a short time until the world's land hunger strike breaks down the old system of large land holdings. It is merely a question of time until this comes, and whether or not cattle producers will adjust themselves to the change quickly or will allow the industry to die is a question. Perhaps the large holders of land, many of whom are packers, will have had their lessons by past experiences and be prepared to change systems and pay farmers for the work of producing cattle on smaller holdings than the open range. Who knows?

The vast resources of the southern country will allow many more cattle to be grown, though it is now slaughtering up to the limit. Alfalfa growing has entered into the feeding scheme of Argentina, which fact, together with the importations of the best breeding stock obtainable in England for the past decade has put the leading republic of South America on the map as the leading exporter of beef. Two and one-half acres of pasture for growing cattle and three to three and one-half for fattening cattle is the usual allowance. Cattle dressing 820 pounds sell for \$74.80 gold,

and are exported to England where they bring eight to nine cents per pound.

There are millions of acres of Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan lands which could well be devoted to cattle raising on some such scheme now that the United States markets are open and our cattle raisers have the world market, which means high beef prices for all time. Alfalfa raising appears to be an easy crop in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and can soon be grown successfully throughout our cattle country. What is needed most, however, is the foundation stock, which has in a decade put Argentina out in front as a source of the elusive beefsteak. They bought good stock for foundation, and the best there was in the world. It paid. Get the lesson.

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The Creditors are notified to meet at the office of The Trusts and Guarantee Company, Limited, in the City of Calgary, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, the 15th day of November, 1913, for the purpose of receiving a statement of the affairs of the said insolvent company, for the appointment of inspectors, and the giving of directions with reference to the disposal of the estate.

Every creditor or person claiming to be entitled to rank on the estate assigned is required to deliver or send post paid to the said Company, on or before the 4th day of December, 1913, particulars of his claim, verified by affidavit, and such vouchers as the case admits of, and stating whether he holds any security for his claim or any part thereof, and putting a specified value on such security (if any), in accordance with the said Act.

And notice is further given, that after the said 4th day of December, 1913, the said Company will proceed to distribute the estate of the said insolvent under the said Act, having regard only to the claims of which it shall have notice at such time of distribution.

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Mrs. J. A. Thompson, a son. Mowbray—At Bentley, on Tuesday, November 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mowbray, a son.

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